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### "MY BOY."

The following poem, "My Boy," written by Rev. H. J. Schiek, St. Lucas Evangelical pastor, is dedicated to the parents, especially the mothers, of "Our Boys."

My boy has gone to the training camp.  
My boy of many years;  
And my heart is with him in the camp.

To share his joys and fears.  
I saw him marching down the street  
With others, khaki-clad;  
And some there were who cheered aloud.

But mothers there were sad.  
I stood and watched with burning eyes

My boy, as on he marched,  
And something, clutched my very heart.

My lips were dry and parched.  
And on they marched, while drumbeats throbbed.  
I could not cheer—I choked and sobbed.

My boy has gone to the training camp.  
And my heart goes with him, too.  
O my boy, my boy, 'tis my earnest prayer

That God may keep you true.  
It seems to me but yesterday,  
Since Laddie was a babe.

Oh, how my heart yearned over him,  
And how it was afraid—  
Afraid that harm might come to him,  
O God! How oft I prayed.  
And I'd clasp him closer to my breast,  
Until his smile brought peace and rest.

And now he's gone to the training camp,  
My boy, so strong and true,  
Yet, I am glad he's to do his bit  
For the "Red, and White and Blue."

Through tear-dimmed eyes I saw him last,  
As he waved a fond good-bye,  
And a tear-wet kerchief waved,  
As my boy went marching by.

But my voice it was a cry  
Of agony, and fear and pain  
For the boy, my boy, my only boy.

Who might not come again.  
And if he died, 'twould cause me woe  
Of a thousand deaths, but still  
I'd praise the Lord my boy could go!

And I would feel the joyous thrill  
Of a life on earth that was well-spent,  
Because I gave a boy who went.

### PRESIDENT SPARES HIM.

President Wilson Monday commuted to life imprisonment the death sentence imposed by military court-martial upon Private Albert E. Beauregard of Company H, Sixteenth infantry, American expeditionary forces, who was charged with deserting in the face of the enemy.

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## KAMERAD GAME AT BELLEAU

Capt. Witmer, of the American force, gives this incident of the recent fighting in France.

"Into the wheat fields we threw our shells, tearing red holes in the green, yellow-turning wheat, and we uprooted the poppies, the blood-red poppies of France, and flung them over the heads of the Germans. Then our men advanced.

"We were ambushed from all sides," Capt. Witmer told me. "That is to be expected in warfare like this, which is like our old Indian troubles, or our campaigns in Cuba and the Philippines. There were sure to be some Germans left alive in the trees and in the wheat, and three Germans with a machine gun in a tree can hold up a whole company.

"We fought them Indian style. Some of them we rushed, others we outflanked and attacked from the rear, and we crawled and ran and dodged through our part of Belleau woods until we came to the outer fringe.

"My men went on into the wheat field. At one point some forty of us fifty Germans rose up in front of us and threw up their hands. We held in our rifles and advanced to take them prisoners, when a murderous fire was opened on us by the companions of these Germans who were hidden in the woods on the other side of the wheat."

Capt. Witmer paused here, and his tired eyes hardened for a moment. "We had a number of casualties," he said.

"And what happened?"

"The look in his eyes changed, but the fire in them remained. "Those Germans are all non-combatants now," he said, "and they are not prisoners, either. That was our first experience with their 'Kamerad' trick.

"At another place in that wheat field the machine gunners kept shooting at our men all the way from several hundred yards until we were almost on top of them. We had casualties here, also. Just as we sprang at them they let go the gun and tried to throw up their arms. They've done that to us and our allies time after time, shoot as many of us as they can, then surrender at the last minute. But they were a bit too late this time. Many of us had our automatics in our hands and we got everyone of them at his gun.

"Right now, this very day, let me tell you, there is still one nest of German machine guns basking in Belleau woods. They are trying to shoot as many of us down as they can shoot us from the back and when we get them they will probably try to surrender. This is the kind of warfare Germany has been seeking. They call it open warfare, but, believe me, it is not warfare in the open as a white man knows it."

### SPECULATING ABOUT THE LONG RANGE GUN.

(By Associated Press.)

Paris, July 23.—That the bursting-charge of shells from the German long-range guns is mixed while the projectiles are in actual flight is the belief of French scientists, according to a technical journal published here.

When the shells of Paris began it was noticed that the explosion of a shell produced a cloud of black smoke mixed with a little that was white and accompanied by a strong smell of ether. Recently the smoke has been entirely white and very light, the ether odor persisting.

No shell that failed to explode has been found, nor even an entire fuse, indicating how delicate and reliable the explosive is. This fact leads experts to suppose that the shell is charged with two liquid explosives, separated by the perforated partition which is known to exist in the center of the projectile.

When the shell is fired at a high angle the liquid in the upper end combines with that in the lower chamber, and churned by the violent rotation, produces at the moment of impact, three minutes later, a perfect mixture. This would explain, it is said, the ability of the charge to resist the enormous shock when fired and the remarkable uniformity of the explosions.

### TURK NOT MUN.

During the funeral of Gen. Sir Stanley Maude a Turkish airman flew over the cortege and dropped a wreath 500 yards in front of the column. The machine then dipped twice, about turned, and flew back to its quarters. While it was flying over the city, and before its mission could be divined, the machine was subjected to an anti-aircraft fire, but fortunately it evaded the shells.—Scientific American.

### LAYTONSVILLE.

The Everette Forbes family, who have all been sick with measles, are some better, we are glad to say.

The protracted meeting is in progress at Vaughn's Grove now, we hope they will have a splendid meeting. A good rain was reported at Brit-mart and Fairview, but none has reached this far yet.

Mrs. Bettie Shaw is visiting Mrs. Sallie Shaw this week.

Miss Eleanor Henry, of near Hopkinsville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ed F. Harned, this week, and attending the Vaughn's Grove, revival.

Mr. Hilley Hayes, who has been quite sick for several months, is some better at present.

Our service flag at Laytonsville school will have ten stars. Ten of our boys have gone to the service, in the right cause.

Mr. Sidney Buckley and family, of Texas, are visiting Mr. Renb Buckley and family this week.

Mrs. Tom Everett, of Fairview, visited her mother, Mrs. Mattie Forbes Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Dulin visited Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Dulin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Parker and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dulin Sunday.

### BLUE BIRD.

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To hold your Liberty loan bonds, if possible, is patriotic. To consult your bankers before selling them is wise.

### INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY.

This war is to be won not by one man or one thousand men or one million men, or one million people. It is to be won by the united efforts of the individuals of many nations.

Every American citizen has an individual duty to perform, an individual share of the responsibility. The more powerful and effective the American forces are the shorter will be the war, and the shorter the war the fewer lives lost, the greater the number of American soldiers who will return home victorious.

Every American who economizes in consumption of material, who increases production, who saves and lends savings to the Government, does something to help win the war.

### THE USE OF OIL.

A mountaineer in Eastern Kentucky who refused to have any oil wells sunk on his property, although he was offered a fabulous price, argued thus:

"God has put the world on its axle and started it to spinning. He left the oil to lubricate the axle, and if the oil is taken out a 'hot box' might result that would blow us all to smithereens."—Exchange.

### KENTUCKIAN SAVED FLAG.

Franklin, Ky., July 22.—Relatives here have received word that J. C. Forgy, a marine, who was on board the San Diego when it was torpedoed and sunk, landed safely. According to the message Forgy cut down the flag and saved it from going down with the vessel. He is a nephew of County Judge D. H. Hatter.

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